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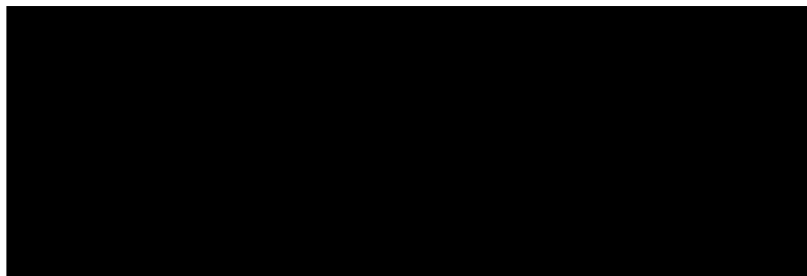
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**STATUS REPORT
OF THE
TASK FORCE SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**COVERT ANNEX - HIGHLIGHTS
(6 September-19 September)**

VIETNAM

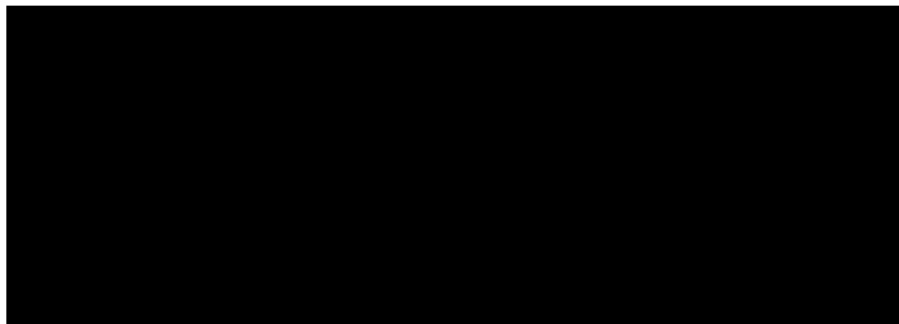
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Confidential Ministry of Interior figures concerning strategic hamlet construction list the number of hamlets to be completed by the end of 1962 as 4,446. To attain this total the Ministry is assuming that all hamlets begun in August (a total of 2,492) will have been completed satisfactorily.

THAILAND

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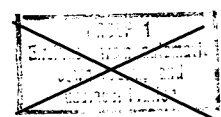


LAOS

The Vietnamese Communist (VC) and Pathet Lao (PL) continued their attacks against Meo forces located near Sam Neua and the Plain of Jars during the reporting period. Attacks consisted mainly of the shelling of Meo positions with mortar and artillery fire. Ambushes of Meo patrols were also reported during the same period.

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BURMA

As previously reported (Covert Annex-Burma, 9 August-22 August) the Burma Army is continuing its operations against the Kachin Independence Army (KIA). The First and Fourth Kachin Rifles were transferred to the Kachin State in late August for action against the KIA insurgents. The Burma Army's plan reportedly is to contain the KIA movement by isolating them in the Sinlum area (N 24-15, E 97-30). Thus far the Army forces have avoided major engagements with the KIA, firing back only in self defense, but have kept the pressure on to force the KIA to retreat to the remote areas of Sinlum.

CAMBODIA

Nothing Significant

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